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THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY  
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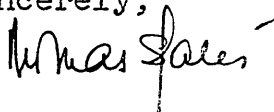
Dear Commodore:

I am more than grateful for your generous remarks about my appearances before the Peter Tare banquet and the Navy League banquet in New York.

Neither one was particularly easy for me to do, and I am very happy that you felt I did them with credit.

You were nice to take the trouble to write me, and I appreciate it.

Sincerely,



Commodore R. W. Bates, USN(Ret.)  
Naval War College  
Newport, Rhode Island

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May 23, 1957.

Dear Rafe,

Thank you very much for your letter sending me the program for the banquet of the Navy League's "Operation Remember". It is most interesting, as were also the various magazine and newspaper articles about the affair.

It is likely that Harriet and I would have attended, except that, on February 27th, she was operated on in the Carmel Community Hospital for a severe abdominal cancer. She was in the hospital for a month. At home, here, she is gradually gaining strength again, though still unable to dispense entirely with the help of a nurse. The whole thing, aside from the operation, was a severe shock to the poor girl, as she had never seemed to be in better health. For many years she has been having an annual check-up by a civilian (over)

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gynecologist here — and it was  
on February 20th that the cancer  
was first discovered. So, of course,  
we both had to stay home.

Raymond Spruance, in advance  
of "Operation Remember", asked me  
if I was going. When I told him  
no, because of Harriet's condition,  
he said "Well, you have a good  
excuse. I have no excuse. I'm  
just not going!" Margaret was  
furious with him!

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Kelly Turner.

P.O. Box 192

MONTEREY PENINSULA COUNTRY CLUB  
PEBBLE BEACH, CALIFORNIA

26 May 1957.

Dear Rafe -

Many thanks for sending me the newspaper accounts of the doings at the Naval Academy, and your letter of 9 May and the program of the Navy League dinner in New York on 2 May. It all sounds as if both occasions had been very well planned and well executed. I am sure all of you who attended must have <sup>had</sup> a wonderful time. It was quite a feat to be able to assemble so many distinguished retired officers from all over the country.

Margaret and I have had various family discussions about going places. Last fall we talked about a trip to Japan to see Jerry and Margaret and our three grandchildren, but we did not go. Then we talked about this Navy League celebration and finally about a trip east for our 1907 Class reunion. I am very happy out here and have no great urge to go any place else, so we did not go. However, Margaret did go east two weeks ago to see some of her family in Indianapolis, and then on to Washington to see Edward and his family. She ought to be back here to-morrow.

Next Sunday we are going out to Pearl to attend

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a celebration of the fifteenth anniversary of the Battle of Midway. We go and return in Cincpac's aircraft, and expect to be back on 5 June.

Last March I participated in a conference held at Stanford for three days on "U.S. Representation Abroad" - very interesting and stimulating. Just recently I received a similar invitation from Chancellor Allen of UCLA to attend a conference to be held June 13-16 at Lake Arrowhead on "The United States and the Far East." I accepted. I hope Margaret likes that, as she and I will have to drive down there and back.

To-morrow Chip Bohlen will be down here, en route to Manila. We are having a small luncheon for him at the Old Capital Club, and I hope to have some serious conversation with him at our house about the Philippines. The political situation out there appears to me to have serious possibilities, and a knowledge of the personalities involved is important. My knowledge is two years old, but it was pretty good when I left.

I hope everything at the War College and in Newport goes well. Best wishes to yourself and to any old friends around there who may still remember us.

Sincerely,  
Raymond Spruance

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 6, 1957

Rear Adm. R. W. Bates, USN (Ret.)  
Naval War College  
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Admiral:

Thanks for your note of June 4th and the orders for Mrs. McCormick and Miss Auchincloss. We are sending them the #965 Bowl which was used before and which, I believe, is a very attractive gift at this price.

Incidentally, Mrs. Tasso, my secretary whom you have spoken to many times in the past, is no longer with us. She has been replaced by Mrs. Williams, who will be very glad to talk with you any time in my absence.

Very sincerely,

  
Roger H. Hallowell

RHH:GBW

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GEORGE MURPHY  
JUDGE

June 10, 1957.

Rear Admiral Bates, USN ret.,  
Newport, R. I.

Dear Admiral:

I was indeed pleased to receive message from you via Commander Nick Wagener, U.S. Naval Reserve. I always remember you being one of the finest officers I have met.

I am enclosing herewith citation I received in order to let you know that one of your students at the War College made some achievement while serving in the Pacific.

The next time I go East I want to fly to Newport for a brief visit. I shall be happy to see you.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Murphy".

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**J. H. TOWERS,  
Admiral, U. S. Navy.**

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THE JEFFERSON MEDICAL COLLEGE  
AND  
MEDICAL CENTER  
PHILADELPHIA 7, PA.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 24, 1957

My dear Dick:

Just a note to ask if you will drop me a line to BOX 156, Jamestown, giving me all the necessary information regarding the use of the Commissary and the Wine Mess at the Naval Base.

I am driving Elsa up next Monday to Greenwich and then on to Jamestown on Tuesday, where she will remain for the summer. I will stay over until July 8, and return to Philadelphia for the remainder of the month. On the first of August I will come up to Jamestown again and stay until 3 September.

I intended writing Ralph Earle but I understand that he has been detached and that Henry Crommelin is to relieve him. I remember Crommelin very well in the Pacific, particularly at Tarawa, where, as I am sure you will remember, he had the Destroyers in the lagoon on the other side of the Island and did, I thought, a perfectly splendid job. His brother, Charlie, was Squadron Commander in the YORKTOWN when he got all shot up diving on the fortifications at Milli. As a matter of fact, I think Henry was the flower of the flock.

We will look forward to seeing you

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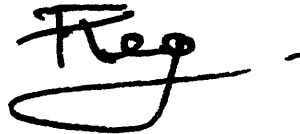
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and we hope that you have been keeping  
your health and enjoying life.

With my very best personal regards,  
in which Elsa joins me, I am

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "F. Reg." with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rear Admiral Richard Bates, USN  
U. S. Naval War College  
Newport, Rhode Island

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June 25.

EASTBOURNE LODGE  
NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

Dear Batesy:

Our tenant at Rocky Farm was Ensign Kalman M. MARKOE. He paid his rent, but we are entitled to collect from him the expense of cleaning the house, rugs, damage to windows done by his dog etc. The agent, Mr. Shockley assured us he would pay as the damages were over and above what is known as ordinary wear + tear. He said he would follow up the ensign but Shockley left Newport

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at exactly that time and  
nothing was ever done.  
Ensign Markoe left no  
address. The other men were  
Lt. Berman and Lt. Connolly -  
they shared the house but  
Markoe was the one who  
managed it, paid the rent  
etc.

Hate to trouble you again

Sincerely

Mary Whitehouse

P.S. The fuel oil bill and the  
washing bill are the most  
important.

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July 9, 1957

Rear Admiral R. W. Bates, USN  
Naval War College  
Newport, R. I.

Dear Rafe:

I should like to ask a favor of you, not for me, but for a friend whom you perhaps may know. Could you get a guest card for Commander Thomas G. Cassady, USNR, to the Clam Bake Club, for a period of one week, commencing 21 August.

In case you don't remember Tom Cassady, he was at the War College Global Strategy Course about three years ago. He is the older brother of Admiral John Cassady, and his civilian profession is a very wealthy investment banker in Chicago. He wrote me asking if I could help him to get a card to the Clam Bake Club because when he was at the War College, he got an Honorary Card then, and evidently liked it. Now he will be in Newport, as I said above, for a week, commencing 21 August. His address

Thomas G. Cassady  
First National Bank Building  
28 South Dearborn Street  
Chicago 3, Ill.

I would appreciate very much your doing what you can, and you can send the card to me or to Tom directly, whichever is most convenient for you. I also, after hearing from you, will give him the information that he must look you up, because I know you will like him.

This letterhead is my new job. If and when you come to New York, give me a ring and I promise to buy you a better lunch than Jack Bergen.

Thanks for anything you can do, and with very best wishes, please believe me,

Sincerely,

*Kelly*  
R. H. Hillenkoetter  
Vice Ad. USN (Ret.)  
Executive Vice President

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*Joseph P. Day*  
INC.

7 DEY STREET  
NEW YORK 7, N.Y.

BERNARD P. DAY  
PRESIDENT

July 16, 1957

Deat Batesy:

I meant to write you sooner to thank you very much for your many kindnesses to me at the Naval War College this year.

Our Australian Representative came through here the other day and reported that your son is doing fine. Don't forget you promised Mary Cushing and me that when you went out there to make it legal, she would be Godmother and I would be Godfather! We are both looking forward very much to the trip!

Very best wishes.

Yours,

*Bennie*

Como. Richard W. Bates, USN  
Naval War College  
Newport, R. I.

CC: Mrs. Howard Cushing

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TO DRAW TOGETHER IN THE BOND OF COMRADESHIP THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING PEOPLES OF THE WORLD

July 19, 1957

Rear Admiral Richard W. Bates  
12 Mount Vernon  
Newport, R.I.

Dear Admiral Bates,

I am writing at the suggestion of Admirals Kauffman and Glassford who feel that you might assist us in starting a Branch of the E-S.U. in Newport.

Undoubtedly, you are familiar with the work of The English-Speaking Union, but in case you are not I am glad to enclose a leaflet which describes our objectives and activities.

Briefly, the main purpose of The English-Speaking Union is to improve relations among English-speaking peoples throughout the world, although obviously the people of Great Britain and America are the ones most concerned. In view of recent events in the Middle East and elsewhere, it is tremendously important that Great Britain and the United States stand firmly together and continue to do so in the years ahead.

Under the Chairmanship of The Hon. Lewis W. Douglas and the Presidency of Mr. William V. Griffin, The E-SU in this country has increased its membership to more than 25,000 and has 72 Branches.

Our National By-laws require only ten members for the organization of a new Branch, but naturally we prefer at least 20 people whose sincere and continuing interest in British-American relations are a guarantee that the Branch will be active for a long time.

Please let me know at your earliest convenience whether you think that a Branch of The E-SU can be established successfully in your community. We should be grateful for your comments.

Sincerely yours,

*Roger Hawthorne*  
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FINCA PAISANA (R.F.D.-3)  
South Merritt Island, Box 60, Route 1 655.  
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1 Aug. 1957.

R/Admiral R.W. Bater, USN (Ret)  
U.S. Naval War College,  
Newport, Rhode Island -  
Isar Bater -

In early January 1954, when you  
Bill Bawne and I were enjoying a  
"Paw. War" at the N.Y. Yacht Club, you  
mentioned that you were at the  
War College, engaged in making a  
study of Battle Evaluations in the  
Pacific Campaigns during W.W.II.

Early in March of that year I received  
a letter from you requesting my  
photograph, taken during War period.  
I sent you the best photo I could  
find, and as I recollect, a copy of  
a letter I had sent CNO, commenting  
on First Savo Island Battle, based  
on information gained from  
Post War Interrogations of high ranking  
Japanese Naval officers who were  
in that battle.

I have been reading "Death of a Navy"  
by Capt. Andrien d'Albas, in the  
preparation of which my good friend  
"Fuzzy" Theobald (lately deceased) collaborated.

After reading the Japanese Version  
of our Pacific Campaigns, I decided  
that I would like to read an autho-

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initative report of our side of the  
Campaign. - Remembered that you  
had been working on such a report,  
so decided to write you to find  
out how I might obtain a  
copy of your work on that subject.

Sorry to say I gave up my membership  
in the Naval Institute - or I might  
have the desired information. Found  
I was so busy here that I did not  
have time to read the proceedings.

Hope you are enjoying your  
sajourn at the War College, and  
Newport. A delightful place. Have  
not been there for nine years,  
so, if I get North this autumn,  
hope to go there for a "look  
see" - it is too hot in Mid. Atlantic  
States to make a trip now. Much  
cooler here.

Would appreciate any information  
you can give me about where  
I may purchase a copy of your  
book -

Hoping to see you if I get up  
Newport way, and with best  
regards to you, and any old  
shipmates in your area,

Very Sincerely,

Fred. L. Riepkohl

B-30 Kaijyō-jieitai-Kansha,  
2-54 OPPAMA-HONCHŌ,  
YOKOSUKA, JAPAN.  
August 8, 1957

Dear Commodore R. W. Bates:

Please excuse that I have not written to you so long. I enjoyed a life in Newport. It was very impressive and enjoyable. I could get much through our course and social activities which we had there. I could not forget Newport forever.

I appreciate heartily the kindness which you offered to me during my stay there. I am very happy that I could have many nice talks with you. My family is very glad to have received the splendid doll which you gave them. The talk-and-walking doll is now very famous and popular not only

in my family but also among my neighbors. My family is very fond and proud of it. We will treasure it forever. I repeatedly express my hearty appreciation for your kindness.

Just after I came back to Japan, I met Captain Bogart and talked with him about you. He seemed to be very proud that he had such a wonderful friend as you. He was very glad to know that I had had a very good time with you in Newport. When the climate becomes cooler and nicer, we will invite Captain and Mrs. Bogart to our home.

I was assigned to the Naval War College on July the 5th, after having had a leave of a week. My job is a member of Education Division (an instructor) and of Research and Development Division.

The Head of Personnel Section, the Office of CNO, Tokyo, told me that I would be assigned to the Office of CNO, Tokyo, in this coming December or early in next spring, probably as a planning officer of either a long range or short range planning team.

I met Admiral Nakayama, who was formerly the President, Naval War College and visited the U.S. Naval War College in 1955, as you know. He is now in the Office of CNO, Tokyo. I may work with him again. While I am a staff of the Naval War College, I am asked to go to the Office of CNO frequently and study ~~the~~ problems which we have to solve, with the chief members thereof. Consequently, I meet Admiral Nakayama so often.

I remember, I told you that we had just started to study the history of W.W.II., and that it!

would be very helpful if the U.S. Navy and Japanese Navy could keep a close contact for the study of the history. I met some of the members and talked about this. If you have any question, I think, you can ask them about it. You may get a helpful information. I will tell you the address later.

Captain Itaya, next student, is a very nice and able man. Would you kindly take care of him?

I am and remain

Sincerely yours

K. Kitamura

NAS Corpus Christi, Tex  
August 18<sup>th</sup>

Dear Commodore,

It's difficult to write when you've neglected to do so for so long and your lethargy is shaken only when you want to ask a favor. Reminds me of that pre-Christmas letter to the rich uncle whom you've said nothing to since thanking him for last years present.

Since the selection list came out I've been a bit shaken. Perhaps I have too much ego but I hadn't the slightest doubt that I would make it. Not that I consider myself to be outstanding but did feel that among my

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contemporaries. I wouldn't  
suffer by comparison. My  
Confidence was based largely  
on the general pattern of post  
promotions (particularly some who  
were considered good enough to  
be picked up below the zone).  
Generally such people were clearly  
near the top, so at least there  
<sup>were</sup> only a few instances of gross  
error.

What I'm trying to figure  
out now is what happened  
and whether there is anything  
I should try to do about  
it. If there is any particular  
duty I should have had,  
it appears to be a bit late  
to try to fill the gaps. Since  
I have two more years before



I'm eligible for retirement<sup>3.</sup>. I will naturally be around & see what happens next year.

In trying to analyze the pattern, I saw a check on the immediately preceding groups. While the figures are somewhat rough, they are interesting.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Attrition</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Academy 1937	150	12	8%
Between 37 and 38	268	76	28%

(Since about 22 of these were way over age in grade, the actual rate was nearer 22%.)

Academy 1938	235	32	14%
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Academy 1939	320	115	36%
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Zone (this year) 1939	275	114	41%
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(Class mates in zone this year)

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I know the Navy failed to get the "hump" legislation they hoped for but it seems evident that little planning was done to lessen the impact on a particular group. If B-Pers planning, such as this, is intended to favor a particular group it is criminal - otherwise it is stupid.

It also adds 114 officers (eligible for eight more years service) to the list of those who know they have had it. I can not see how this will work to the benefit of the Navy or the country.

Frankly Commodore, I didn't intend this to be a tirade against the Navy and the system but felt it necessary to point out what

appear to be inconsistencies  
to illustrate why I'm puzzled.

I know you have long  
felt that the attrition rate  
should be higher in order to  
improve the quality in the  
higher ranks. With that I  
have always agreed. In that  
sense, if this represents the  
future pattern, the Navy will  
be better in the long run.  
On the other hand, if it is  
a stop gap effort in a  
temporarily tight situation —  
a deviation from the pattern  
— we will lose more in  
morale than we will ever  
gain in improving quality.

As of now, I plan to do  
my job as thoroughly and  
conscientiously as possible.

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To throw up my hands and  
cast from here on would  
only prove that the selection  
board was right. I have  
no doubt that I can manage  
to live as well on the outside  
and will probably retire when  
I can find a good opportunity.

I have no regrets since  
if it were all to do over I  
wouldn't try to change the  
pattern. I've gained a lot  
from the Navy and I'm not  
trying to be greedy when I  
say that for learning and gaining  
maturity, the most profitable  
tour was in your salt mine.

I know you are busy but  
I would really appreciate  
knowing anything you can  
find out <sup>as to</sup> what was in the  
precept of this ~~particular~~

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particular hand - what they  
were looking for - that might  
shed some light on what particular  
area, or duty, may have cost  
me my chances.

On the lighter side, the  
job here has been interesting  
and frustrating. We have  
about 5000 civilian and 3000  
military. The station was  
built to last ten years (fifteen  
years ago) and since I got  
here in January, Baker has  
done little except to cut  
back funds for station  
maintenance. It is literally  
a can of worms but the  
quarters are comfortable and  
the family is healthy. Penny  
and I both send our best.

Sincerely,  
Stan Hindman

UNITED STATES NAVAL INSTITUTE

August 23, 1957

ANNAPOLIS, MD.

Commodore Richard W. Bates, USN (Ret.)  
Naval War College  
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Commodore Bates:

As Commander Horn, Managing Editor of the Naval Institute, has several times mentioned to you and the various presidents of the Naval War College, we believe that it would be of great value to the Naval Institute in its publishing program, and in encouraging the production of important articles concerning naval matters, to have closer liaison with the Naval War College.

Currently, the Naval Institute is engaged in a history program looking to the production and publication of histories concerned with various aspects of U. S. naval operations, and also histories of similar operations produced by former enemy officers. As we realize that this is your special field of activities, we are particularly anxious to discuss our program with you and to obtain your suggestions and opinions as to expansion of our efforts in this field.

We realize that your time is fully taken with the compilation of studies of various campaigns for the War College, but we wonder if it might be possible for you to visit us sometime at our office here in Annapolis. We suggest this because we are anxious to have our entire staff sit in on the conference, and we would not be able to take them all to Newport.

As the annual homecoming of the Naval Academy alumnae is becoming an established feature here at the Academy, and as many officers make ar-

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Commodore Bates

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rangements to be absent from their duties at that time, we suggest that you might find this a convenient opportunity to get away for a day or two. In such case, we extend you a special invitation to a conference here at the Institute's offices on Friday, September 27th, the day before homecoming weekend.

Hoping to hear from you favorably in the near future, I am

Very respectfully,



R. N. Adrian  
Commander, U. S. Navy  
Secretary-Treasurer

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COMMANDER UNITED STATES SIXTH FLEET

U.S.S. SALEM, Flagship  
At Sea  
24 August 1957

Dear Rafe,

Thank you very much for your kind words. And also, my warmest thanks for the "old school tie." I shall await its arrival with greatest interest and anticipated pleasure.

It is good to know that the War College continues in good hands. It has a great mission to discharge and much of its ability to do so must depend upon the quality of its staff. Of course I am being trite to say so, but of equal importance is the quality of the student body. Nowhere else could the conversion into silk purses prove less profitable. I realize that these are not things I need tell you but I grieve at the number of senior naval officers who have not hoisted them aboard.

I cannot see Eleanor from where I sit but I know she joins in warmest best.

As ever,

Commodore R. W. Bates,  
U.S. Naval War College,  
Newport, Rhode Island

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3122 O Street, N. W.  
Washington 7, D. C.  
9 September 1957

Dear Rafe:

I am still searching for a job, and I am still in the situation of developing contacts.

I was told the other day that Reggie Kaufman circulates considerably among the educational fraternity. I wonder if you could drop him a note suggesting if the opportunity arises I might see fit to suggest my name for consideration for a position in the educational field. I think that it would be more helpful to me were this suggestion to come from you rather than directly from me to him, although I would be more than delighted to write to him at any time that you think I should.

Life in Washington goes on in its more or less usual fashion. We were more than delighted to be able to have a small cocktail party for Colbert and about eight of his fine officers at which we introduced them to some rather nice Americans that they otherwise might not have had the opportunity to meet. It was a highly successful affair, and they stayed on for almost two hours. I was highly impressed with their caliber, particularly the German.

All three of us think of you a lot, and we feel that you must be having both an interesting and a useful time. We should all love to hear things of you and your doings.

This carries with it the best regards from all of us to you.

As ever,



THOMAS H. ROBBINS, JR.  
Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy

Commodore Richard L. Bates, USN (Ret.)  
U. S. Naval War College  
Newport, Rhode Island

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Penned by  
**James Fife, Admiral, U.S.N., RET.**  
**HOMEPORT**  
Stonington, Connecticut

15 Sept 57.

My Dear Rafe:

Long ago you  
promised me a copy  
of your analysis of  
Fujisao. You have  
failed miserably.

May I have one  
even if only on a  
loan basis?

Yours sincerely,

James Fife

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